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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Man Opens Fire at LA Chinese Consulate, Kills Himself

(U) A man opened fire at the Chinese consulate in Los Angeles yesterday morning, then took his own life in his nearby car. There were no other injuries in the shooting, which took place at about 6 am before the consulate was open for the day. Authorities did not immediately identify the gunman and had few other details about the incident. China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported that the gunman was in his 60s and possibly of Asian appearance. The report also cited consulate security staff as saying the gunman fired his weapon at least 17 times, leaving bullet holes in the windows and facade of the consulate building.

SOURCE: 1 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Oregon House – Man Dead, Two Deputies Shot after Rastafarian Pot Farm Dispute

(U) A suspect died and two Northern California deputies were shot and wounded yesterday in a shootout after the officers responded to reports of an agitated man pulling up plants in a Rastafarian church's marijuana farm, authorities said. The deputies were airlifted to a hospital and both were in serious condition, but each was expected to recover after undergoing surgery. The shooter was inside a residence after the initial conflict so SWAT teams fired tear gas inside before entering and finding the dead man. The sheriff said they had not identified the shooter nor determined if the deputies killed him or if he shot himself.

SOURCE: 1 August 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) Pomona – Thirteen Men Arrested in Human Trafficking Bust

(U) Los Angeles County sheriff's officials and Pomona police arrested 13 men in connection with a human trafficking operation based in Pomona. Twelve of the men arrested in the 27 July bust were adults who solicited undercover sheriff's deputies for sex acts. One 24-year-old man was arrested on felony charges of pandering after he attempted to recruit a sheriff's deputy to work as a prostitute. A joint task force conducted the undercover investigation into the alleged ring along Holt Avenue. According to LASD officials, the area "has historically been identified as an active area for human trafficking."

SOURCE: 31 July 2017, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Opioid Crisis Commission Tells Trump: 'Declare a National Emergency'

(U) Washington – Members of the White House's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the opioid crisis have called on President Donald Trump to "declare a national emergency" under either the Public Health Service Act or the Stafford Act, to prevent any further American deaths due to drug addiction and overdoses. In a draft report, the commission cites data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimating that 142 US citizens die every day from a drug overdose. The report explains that opioids are a prime contributor to the US' addiction and overdose crisis, and, in 2015, nearly two-thirds of drug overdoses were linked to opioids like Percocet, OxyContin, heroin, and fentanyl.

SOURCE: 1 August 2017, [Time](#)

(U) New York – Authorities Arrest Man with 40 Pounds of Fentanyl in Hotel

(U) New York – A Lakewood, Colorado man is in a New York jail after police seized 17 bags filled with fentanyl from a New York City hotel room. Authorities in Manhattan say they arrested and charged Carlos Ramirez on 19 June with possessing millions of doses of the powerful synthetic opioid. Raids undertaken by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) focused on Ramirez's car and hotel room in the Melrose neighborhood of the Bronx. According to law enforcement authorities, this is the largest seizure of fentanyl by the New York division of the DEA in the agency's existence.

SOURCE: 1 August 2017, [ABC 7 Denver](#)

(U) North Carolina – New Law Prohibits Flying Drones near Prisons, Jails

(U) Raleigh – A law signed in North Carolina prohibits anyone but law enforcement officials from flying drones within 250 feet above or 500 feet around prisons and jails. Using a drone to deliver weapons or other contraband can result in a felony charge, while those who fly drones near prisons can face a misdemeanor. Officials say drones have twice crashed within prison fences in North Carolina. In both cases, prison staff members recovered the drones' contraband before it reached prisoners.

SOURCE: 31 July 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Mosque Attack

(U) Herat – ISIS has claimed responsibility for a suicide attack on a Shi'ite mosque in Afghanistan that killed and wounded dozens of people yesterday. "About 50 Shi'ite were killed and 80 wounded in an attack by ISIS militants in the city of Herat in western Afghanistan," the group's official agency AMAQ reported. Government officials said the attack had killed more than 29 people and wounded at least 64.

SOURCE: 2 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Philippines – Philippine President Asks Congress for 20,000 New Troops to Fight Extremists

(U) Manila – Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has asked Congress for funds to recruit 20,000 new soldiers to battle rising threats from pro-ISIS militants in the country's restive south. Duterte called an urgent meeting with a group of senators yesterday, sharing with them the latest intelligence reports on plans by Muslim extremists to attack three cities on the southern island of Mindanao. They declined to say which three cities could suffer the same fate as Marawi, where Islamist rebels have battled the military for nine weeks since laying a siege on 23 May, with the intent to establish a "wilayat", or ISIS province.

SOURCE: 2 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Spain – Spain to Extradite Accused Russian Bank Account Hacker to United States

(U) Madrid – A Spanish court has agreed to extradite Russian computer programmer Stanislav Vitaliyevich Lisov to the United States, where he is wanted for allegedly creating and using software to steal bank account details. Lisov, who is also known as "Black" and "Blackf" according to a court statement, was arrested in Barcelona in January as he waited to take a flight to another European country. He is wanted by the United States on suspicion of computer abuse and fraud and on another count of electronic fraud, which together carry sentences of up to 35 years in prison under US law.

SOURCE: 1 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

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